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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMISSION, SECRETARY SIMON WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA FOR 4 DAYS OF OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS DURING TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST IN MID-JULY.

2. PURPOSE OF SECRETARY SIMON'S SAUDI ARABIAN VISIT IS CONSULTATION WITH KING FAISAL AND KEY POLICY OFFICIALS ON WAYS IN WHICH USG CAN ASSIST SAUDI ARABIA TO STRENGTHEN AND DIVERSIFY ITS ECONOMY, AND TO OPEN THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE U.S.-SAUDI COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. (SECRETARY SIMON ALSO INTENDS TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF JOINT ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMISSION SCHEDULED LATER THIS YEAR IN SAUDI ARABIA.)

3. IN ADDITION TO KING FAISAL, SECRETARY DESIRES DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER KEY OFFICIALS IF FEASIBLE. SUGGESTIONS

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INCLUDE: PRINCE FAHD; MINISTER OF FINANCE, PRINCE MUSA'ID;
MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, ABA AL KHAIL;
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, YAMANI AND DEPUTY
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, PRINCE SAUD; MINISTER
OF STATE AND PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION,
NAZER AND POSSIBLY GOVERNOR OF MONETARY AGENCY, ANWAR ALI.

4. SECRETARY SIMON ARRIVES SAUDI ARABIA ON THE AFTERNOON
OF THURSDAY, JULY 18. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER FRIDAY
ACTIVITIES WITH SAUDIS FEASIBLE AND SUGGESTIONS FOR APPRO-
PRIATE SCHEDULE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. SECRETARY WILL
OPEN WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF U.S.-SAUDI COMMISSION ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON SUNDAY JULY 21. SECRETARY DEPARTS
MORNING OF JULY 22. DETAILS ON COMPOSITION OF PARTY AND
LOGISTICS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

5. A REVISED SCHEDULE OF WORKING GROUPS HAS BEEN CABLED.
DETAILED AGENDA PROPOSALS AND NAMES OF MEMBERS WILL BE
CABLED SEPTTEL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY COMMENT ASAP ON ABOVE PRO-
POSAL AND ON REACTIONS OF APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIALS
AS WELL AS THEIR AVAILABILITY DURING TIME OF VISIT.
WHILE SECRETARY STRONGLY DESIRES KEEP SCHEDULE LIMITED
DUE TO OBVIOUS TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY
VIEWS ON WHETHER ADDITIONAL POLICY OFFICIALS SHOULD BE
INCLUDED. SISCO

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